## REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated August 8, 2005. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 12-14 and 17-33 are under consideration in this application. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application.

Formality Issue

In a telephone conference with the Examiner conducted on August 25, 2005, it was agreed that claims 21-33 which were of record were erroneously not considered on the merits in the current Office Action. The Examiner thus agreed to issue a new Office Action pending the Applicants' submission of a response to the current Office Action pointing out the error and confirming the course of action agreed to with the Examiner. In this regard, Applicants hereby request that the Examiner issue a new Office Action to consider all the claims of record and to reset the time for response.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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